and circulated to all the State Govts./ UTs for enacting the legislation, which will have provisions to ensure the execution and registration of title deeds.

Releasing of property acquired under R.A.I.P. Act, 1970

4574. SHRI G. Y. KRISHNAN: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to refer to the answer to Unstarred Question No. 2751 given in the Rajya Sabha on 23-3-1984 and state:

(a) whether it is a fact that properties requisitioned or deemed to be requisitioned are to be released after the expiry of 17 years of requisition under Requisitioning and Acquisitioned of Immovable Property Act, 1970 (Amendment);

(b) whether the property requisitioned of freedom fighter helpless widow by the Municipal Corporation of Delhi since has been released in this Golden jubilee 'Quit India celebration Movement Year'; and

(c) if not, what steps Government have taken to get release of widow's property alternatively to allot some other site in lieu of this property so as to end gross injustice?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) With the amendment of The Requisitioning and Acquisition of Immovable Properties Act, in 1985, the total period of requisitioning has been raised to 17 years. Hence the requisitioned properties are to be derequisitioned after the expiry of 17 years of the requisitioning.

(b) and (c) Information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Promotion of cost effective housing designs

4575. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have worked out any scheme to develop and promote use of cost-effective standards housing design for each geo-climatic region, to promote maximum use of indigenous building materials and construction techniques, simplification of the housing finance procedure with affordable monthly instalments, for training, technology extension and skill upgradation and dissemination of information to the actual users;

(b) whether Government are aware that in 1991 the shortage of houses in the country was about 31 million units; if so, what steps Government have taken thereon providing land for various income groups during 1993-94; and

(c) what are the basic objectives of the national housing Policy and whether target has been set for construction of cost effective standardised houses?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) The various Research & Development (R&D) Institutions and Regional Research Laboratories have developed cost effective design and consturction technologies suitable for different geo-climatic regions in the country. The technologies are being disseminated to various parts of the country through the Building Centres set up under a Centrally-sponsored scheme launched during 1988-89. These centres are engaged in promoting the use of indigenous cost-effective building materials and construction techniques through demonstration training to local artisans and counselling to the house builders. Training in new low cost construction techniques to artisans and local youths is also imparted under Nehru Rozgar Yojana (NRY) in several States.

Significant changes were made by RBI in 1988 in regard to housing loans by scheduled commercial banks. Under revised norms, margins were reduced, interest rates were rationalised with affordable repayment schedule and relaxation allowed in security norms. Monthly instalments of HUDCO loans for various categories are quite affordable and loans

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to E.W.S. and L.I.G. category are at subsidised rates of interest.

(b) and (c) On the basis of 1981 census, National Building Organisation (NBO) has projected the housing shortage as on 1.3.91 to be 31 million dwelling units.

The National Housing Policy (NHP) lays down the strategy to reduce the houselessness in the country by the turn of the century. The basic objective of the NHP is to assist all people, and in particular the houseless, the inadequately housed and the vulnerable sections, to secure for themselves affordable shelter through access to developed land, building materials, finance at affordable costs and technology.

The NHP lays down the policy to promote low-cost and environmentally appropriate technology and use of indigenous resources, including materials based on industrial and agricultural wastes. State Governments and housing finance institutions have been advised to use cost-effective technology and low-cost building materials made from local sources and industrial and agricultural wastes in their housing programmes.

Allotment of flats/plots by DDA

4576. PROF. I. G. SANADI: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Delhi Development Authority (Slum Wing) announced any Scheme in 1985; and registered slum residents and others for Residential Flats; if so, the amount charged as Registration Fee and the number of applicants got registered;

(b) whether in 1989 there was another announcement for changing their registration from flats to plots after submitting their Income declaration on Rs. 2/- Judicial Stamp Papers; if so, the number of such applicants;

(c) how many applicants under these schemes have got allotment of flats or plots; and if not, the reasons therefor; and

(d) by when the applicants are likely to get flats/plots under the above schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRI P. K. THUNGON): (a) According to the Slum Wing of MCD, a scheme named 'Residential Flats Registration Scheme for Slum Dwellers and others 1995' was floated by it when it was a part of DDA. The amount charged from each registrant was Rs. 3000/- The total number of registrants registered under the scheme were 27693.

(b) The Slum Wing of the MCD has reported in the affirmative. The number of applicants who requested for changing their registration from flats to plots were 10309 as reported.

(c) The Slum Wing has stated that 1356 flats have been allotted to these registrants.

(d) The remaining registrants will get the flats as soon as more flats become available.

Allocation to housing for weaker sections in Andhra Pradesh

4577. SHRI N. GIRIPRASAD: Will the Minister of URBAN DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have received a request of Rs. 50 crores from Government of Andhra Pradesh as additional allocation for housing the weaker section to be released through HUDCO for 1993-94;

(b) whether HUDCO has processed the request; and

(c) status of this request?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF URBAN DEVELOPMENT WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE